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East Retford Rural District Council.



REPORT

for the year 1918

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*To the Rural District Council of
East Retford.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my fourteenth Annual Report as your Medical Officer.

The population of the district is estimated by the Registrar General to be 12930, that is 306 less than last year, but for estimating the birth-rate he allows 14488.

Births. There were 215 births, 112 males and 103 females, giving a birth-rate of 14·8 per thousand of population, one of the lowest figures on record.

Deaths. The total deaths numbered 220 being thus five more than the births. There were 113 males, and 107 females. The death-rate was therefore 17·1 per thousand. This is slightly less than the rate for the country as a whole.

The deaths of Infants under one year were 18, giving a death-rate of 86·6 per thousand births.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year the district has been extraordinarily free from the usual infectious diseases with exception of Measles and Influenza.

Measles occurred in epidemic form in the first half of the year necessitating the closure of Rampton, North Leverton, Scrooby, and Clarborough Schools. Altogether there were 124 cases notified, none of which were fatal. February had the largest incidence with 39 cases. 38·6 per cent of the cases were notified by the parents.

Scarlet Fever occurred in only six cases. Two of these were removed to the East Retford Borough Isolation Hospital.

Diphtheria, one fatal case.

Erysipelas occurred only in three cases, all in the practice of one practitioner.

There was one death from **Enteric Fever**, but the district was free from this disease. The case occurred in an Institution outside the district where the patient was residing.

Influenza visited the District in the early summer and again in the autumn. In the latter epidemic the cases were severe and many were fatal, and it is to this cause that the death-rate is so heavy. There were 52 deaths giving a rate of 3.95 per thousand of the population.

Bronchitis and Pneumonia caused 12 and 10 respectively, the total deaths from these three causes numbered 74 giving a death-rate of 5.58 per thousand and 33.6 per cent. of the deaths from all causes.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis caused 19 deaths, showing a rate of 1.46 per thousand or 8.65 per cent. of deaths from all causes.

A small epidemic of **Chicken Pox** occurred at Mattersey.

Mumps occurred at Ranby, East Drayton and Laneham.

Whooping Cough was reported from Elkesley and Headon-cum-Upton.

The Slaughter Houses are fairly well kept.

Cowsheds are by no means what they should be. The complaint has been general that there is great difficulty in obtaining labour to keep them well and in good condition and of course this is a matter of general knowledge. It is hopeless to expect them to be put into really good order at present as it would necessitate an impossible outlay.

Housing. Many new houses are required throughout the district both for the present inhabitants and for those who will undoubtedly come in very shortly. Besides these, there are houses required to replace old houses which should be demolished. Owing to war conditions, it has been impossible to give the attention to this subject that it needs.

Since the termination of the year to which this report relates, a building scheme for the building of certain houses under the new Housing Scheme has been determined on. I shall have to refer to this at a future date.

The Aerodrome at Babworth to which I adverted in my last report was nearly finished at the date of the Armistice, and the water supply and drainage improved.

I append a short summary of the work done by the Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances as regards sanitation, and two tables.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Kanway R Beale

Retford, April, 1919.

CAUSES OF DEATH

East Retford Rural District, 1918.

CAUSES OF DEATH.				Males.	Females.	Total.
ALL CAUSES.				113	107	220
1	Enteric Fever	....	....	1	..	1
2	Small-pox	....	....	..	..	..
3	Measles	....	....	..	..	..
4	Scarlet Fever	....	....	..	..	..
5	Whooping Cough	....	....	1	3	4
6	Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	....	....	1	..	1
7	Influenza	....	....	27	25	52
8	Erysipelas	....	....	..	..	..
9	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	....	....	8	11	19
10	Tuberculous Meningitis	....	....	..	..	..
11	Other tuberculous diseases	....	....	..	..	..
12	Cancer and Malignant Disease	....	....	9	5	14
13	Rheumatic Fever	...	....	..	1	1
14	Meningitis	....	....	1	..	1
15	Organic Heart Disease	..	....	11	11	22
16	Bronchitis	....	....	5	7	12
17	Pneumonia (all forms)	....	....	4	6	10
18	Other Respiratory Diseases	....	....	1	1	2
19	Diarrhoea, &c. (under 2 years)	..	....	..	..	..
20	Appendicitis & Typhlitis	....	....	..	..	..
21	Cirrhosis of Liver	....	....	..	1	1
21A	Alcoholism	..	....	..	..	..
22	Nephritis (Bright's Disease)	....	....	1	4	5
23	Puerperal Fever	....	....	..	..	..
24	Parturition, apart from puerperal fever	..	....	..	..	..
25	Congenital Debility	....	....	6	4	10
26	Violence, apart from Suicide	....	....	4	1	5
27	Suicide	....	....	..	3	3
28	Other Defined Diseases	....	....	31	24	55
29	Causes ill-defined or unknown	....	....	2	..	2
Special Causes (included above)						
	Cerebro-spinal Fever	....	....	..	..	..
	Poliomyelitis	....	....	..	..	..
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age						
	Legitimate	10	8	18
	Illegitimate	1	2	3
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TOTAL BIRTHS				112	103	215
	Legitimate	104	94	198
	Illegitimate	8	9	17
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POPULATION for Birth-rate				14,488		
	„ for Death-rate	12,930		
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AREA OF DISTRICT				92,740 Acres.		

Infectious Diseases Notified during 1918.

MONTH	Enteric	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria or Croup	Erysipelas	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Other Tuberculosis	Poliomyelitis	Cerebro-spinal Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
January	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
February	..	39	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
March	..	12	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
April	..	12	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
May	..	13	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
June	..	15	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
July	..	20	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
August	..	4	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
September	2	..	..	1	..	..	..
October	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
November
December	1	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	124	6	1	3	9	4	..	..	..

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1918.

COMPLAINTS AND INSPECTIONS—

1	Number of Complaints received during the year ...	...	2
2	Number of Houses, Premises, etc., Inspected ...	...	102
3	Number of Re-inspections of Houses, Premises, etc.	...	808

RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS—

Formal Orders issued for Sanitary Amendments of
Houses and Premises :

4	For the Abatement of Nuisances ...	...	...	23	41
5	„ Provision of New Drains ...	...	...	3	
6	„ „ Privies and Ashpits ...	...	...	11	
7	„ „ Wholesome Water ...	...	...	4	
8	Houses, Premises, etc., Cleansed, Repaired, etc. ...	...	...	5	
9	Overcrowding Abated ...	...	...	...	1
10	Drains to Houses and Buildings : New, Provided ...	...	...	10	
11	„ „ Repaired, Cleansed, Trapped, etc. ...	...	...	15	
12	Water Closets : New, Provided ...	...	...	...	1
13	Privies Converted into Pan Closets ...	...	...	...	1
14	Old Privies Abolished ...	...	...	...	1
15	Privies : New, Provided ...	...	...	...	1
16	„ Repaired ...	...	...	...	2
17	Ashpits or Ashbins : New, Provided ...	...	...	...	1
18	„ „ Repaired ...	...	...	...	2
19	Waste Pipes connected with Drains, etc., Disconnected ...	...	...	2	
20	Privies and Ashpits Emptied and Cleansed ...	...	...	24	

WATER SUPPLY—

21	Pumps and Wells : New, Provided ...	...	...	...	2
22	„ „ Cleansed, Repaired, Covered, etc. ...	...	...	...	2
23	Water Certificates for New Houses Granted ...	...	...	...	0

LODGING HOUSES—

24	Number of Lodging Houses Registered under 35th Section of "Public Health Act, 1875"	1
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REMOVALS—

25	Removals of Accumulations of Dung, Stagnant Water, Animal and other Refuse	10
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THE HOUSING OF WORKING CLASSES ACT, 1890-1909—

26	Houses Closed	0
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CANAL BOATS ACT, 1884—

27	Canal Boats Inspected	10
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LEGAL PROCEEDINGS—

28	Summons	1
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THOMAS HENRY,
Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

